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DIALYSIS MACHINE AND A DIALYSIS MACHINE FOR

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of November 19, 2002, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please amend claim 7 without prejudice as follows:

7. (Amended) A dialysis machine, comprising:

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a dialyzer;

a semipermeable membrane dividing the dialyzer into a blood chamber and a dialysis fluid chamber, the blood chamber having an inlet and an outlet, and the dialysis fluid chamber having an inlet and an outlet;

an arterial blood line connected to the inlet of the blood chamber;

- a venous blood line connected to the outlet of the blood chamber;
- a dialysis fluid inlet line connected to the inlet of the dialysis fluid chamber;
- a dialysis fluid outlet line connected to the outlet of the dialysis fluid chamber;
- a first device for determining at least one of a blood flow rate Qb through the blood chamber, a dialysis fluid flow rate Qd through the dialysis fluid chamber, and an ultrafiltration rate Qf;